

Application No. 10/609,249
Response to Office Action

Customer No. 01933

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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the features of the present invention recited in claim 1 of USP 6,617,762, which issued from parent application Serial No. 09/921,319 of which the present application is a division.

In addition, claims 2-22 have been amended to better accord with amended independent claim 1, and claims 1-22 have also been amended to make some minor grammatical improvements and/or to correct some minor antecedent basis problems so as to put the claims in better form for issuance in a U.S. patent.

Still further, claims 20 and 21, which are substantial duplicates of claims 17 and 18, have been amended to respectively depend from claims 10 and 11.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims be approved and entered.

It is respectfully submitted, moreover, that amended claims 1-22 are now in condition for immediate allowance.

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As acknowledged by the Examiner in the Notice of Allowability in the parent application Serial No. 09/921,319 (now USP 6,617,762), a copy of which is submitted herewith, "the prior art fails to show or fairly suggest completely coating a microactuator device with a film in a head supporting arrangement."


Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claim 1, and amended claims 2-22 depending therefrom, all clearly patentably distinguish over all of the cited references, taken singly or in any combination, under 35 USC 102 as well as under 35 USC 103.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,


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